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Christmas Greetings

From The Publisher and Staff Of The

HANCOCK COUNTY EAGLE

Christmas
We want our friends to
like us better than ever
this year, now and always.

PIAZZA BARBER SHOP

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DR. PAUL A. PURSLEY

Greetings

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be enriched with the blessings
that belong to Christmas.

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Greetings

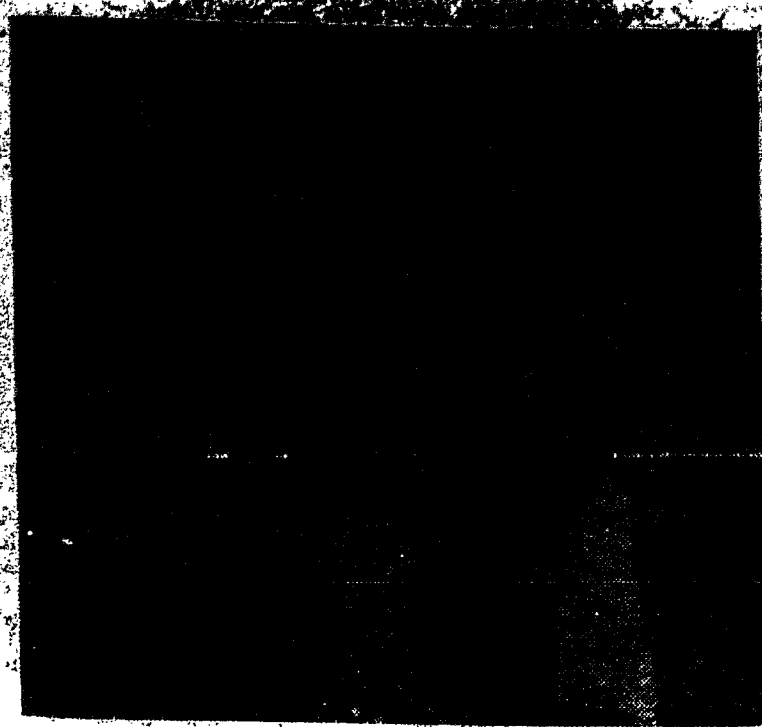
In harmony with this
joyous season...we extend
our best wishes for the
happiest holiday ev

**LEGION AND GULF
THEATRES**
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Christmastide

May you experience the glori-
ous feeling of peace and brotherly
love... this Holiday Season.

LEROY T. LUKE



Outstanding Sophomores are Hayw and Spiers and Anna Frances Rose.
—Photo by Mary Palmer.

Hayward Spiers was chosen by the Bay High faculty as the outstanding Sophomore boy. Hayward was born here in Bay St. Louis on the day of June 20, 1938. He attended Gulf View Grade School for eight years before he came to Bay High. He has been at Bay High for two years. His business of being chosen outstanding is nothing new to Hayward as he was chosen as the outstanding Freshman boy last year. Hayward is 5 feet 9 inches tall, has blue eyes and brown hair. His favorite school subjects are biology and English. His hobby is dogging work.

"I feel very honored to be selected as the outstanding boy in the Sophomore class," was Hayward's comment upon his choice. Hayward is to be congratulated for his fine work here at Bay High, and we are sure that he will keep it up.

Chosen by the faculty as the outstanding Sophomore girl was Anna Frances Rose.

Anna Frances was born March 15, 1938 in Birmingham, Ala. She attended St. Thomas in Long Beach before she came to Bay High three years ago. Anna Frances has brown hair, brown eyes and stands 5 feet 1/2 inch tall. Her favorite school subject is history.

"It was quite a pleasant surprise to me when I learned that I had been chosen as the outstanding Sophomore girl and I feel very honored" was what Anna Frances

said when she learned of her choice.

Anna Frances has done a good job here at Bay High which is shown by her choice as the outstanding Sophomore girl. We feel certain that she will continue to warrant this honor.

**St. Stanislaus Alumnus,
Brother Cury, Class '41,
Named to African Mission**

Brother Cury, class 1941, has been selected by the Provincial Council to join the missionary Brothers teaching in Africa according to word received recently from Rev. Brother Martin, Provincial Superior.

The new missionary Brother, now stationed at St. Aloysius High School in New Orleans, and Brother Simon, of the same faculty, will sail for Africa shortly after Christmas to replace Brother Lionel and Brother Gabriel who have been teaching in the missions for the past six years. Brother Cury will be assigned to Nyeri School as science and math teacher and Brother Simon will receive his appointment to one of the four mission schools from Brother Norbert, Director General of the mission schools.

Brother Cury, John Goelner, a native of Lumberton, Miss. attended school here, graduating in 1941 with highest honors as valedictorian of his class and recipient of the St. Stanislaus Character Trophy as outstanding member of his class.



GREETINGS

May the season's joys follow you
throughout a happy New Year.

VINCENT A. MORREALE

Holy night

In the hush of a mid-
night clear,
the herald angels
sang out to praise
the new-born King.
May His message of peace
and good will lighten your
heart and brighten your
home this Christmas and
all through the New Year.

C & S FINE FOODS
Charles Carter
John A. Scafide

**TO
AGRICULTURE**

The sign-up period for Hancock County farmers to request the Federal Government to share the work it needed to aid in carrying out conservation practices on their farms during the 1954 program year is not under way. The first sign-up period for filing requests under the program will end December 31, 1953. The next sign-up period will begin some time in June 1954.

The basic purpose of the Agricultural Conservation Program is to aid in achieving necessary conservation of our soil and water resources. Conservation of these resources is urgent and it really pays.

Fitzhugh Lee, chairman of the Hancock County ASC Committee, advises that the Agricultural Conservation Program is entirely voluntary, and any farmer who believes he can do the needed conservation job on his farm without the aid of the limited funds available under the program is urged to do so.

If there are farmers in Hancock County who feel that they cannot carry out needed conservation practices without this aid, they may file their request in the Hancock County ASC Office located in the Agricultural Center in Bay St. Louis by December 31, 1953.

**JOSEPH PROVED
LOVE FOR MARY**

Joseph, the bible relates, had to prove his faith in and love for Mary before they were married. It is one of the great love stories of all time.

When Joseph thought of Mary, he forgot the difference in their ages; she was the girl he had waited for, his beloved. They were espoused—or, as we would say, engaged—which was almost as official as being married. His heart soared on wings of the approaching wedding day, and then...

What Mary insisted had come to pass simply could not be! Joseph wanted desperately to believe Mary, but such things just didn't happen, and if they did they happened to somebody else.

Much as he loved Mary, Joseph was a righteous and God-fearing man and while he couldn't even think of making her a public example, he had just about made up his mind to put her away privily. That is, he thought he had made up his mind. In his heart, he knew he couldn't; what would become of her...of her child...

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying:

"Joseph, thou son of David, fear not..."

And when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had bidden him, and took Mary as his lawful and cherished wife.

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto Joseph.

"Fear not," the angel had declared unto Mary.

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto the shepherds of Bethlehem.

Into the family drinking well Willie pushed his sister Nell She's still there—the water kilt'er; But now we have to use a filter

*Happy
Holidays*

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3. Guard against fire in your home this
holy season.
- This a large Christmas tree can go
up in smoke in only a minute or so
and that doesn't leave much time to
call for help.

January 1. In fact, New Year's comes on the same date for some peoples. On September 14, 1782, England and her colonies regarded January 1 with indifference because New Year's day was observed on March 25.

Today, many people who renounce to use the Gregorian calendar still celebrate traditional feasts, including New Year, on different days. The Gregorian calendar was not presented to the world

The Jews observe a 10-day New Year season at the time of the autumnal equinox, beginning on Rosh

The Modern calendar (dating from 600 A. D.) has 12 months of the year that begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes. As a result New Years and months retrograde through the entire year in about 33½ years.

He: Do you love me, Jean?
She: But my name is Carolyn.
He: Isn't this Wednesday?

Gal: Is it true you men are only interested in wine, women and

Guy: Oh, we don't sing so much.

Watch the calendar. New Year's is the day for the tree to go down. If you should extend the time, don't leave

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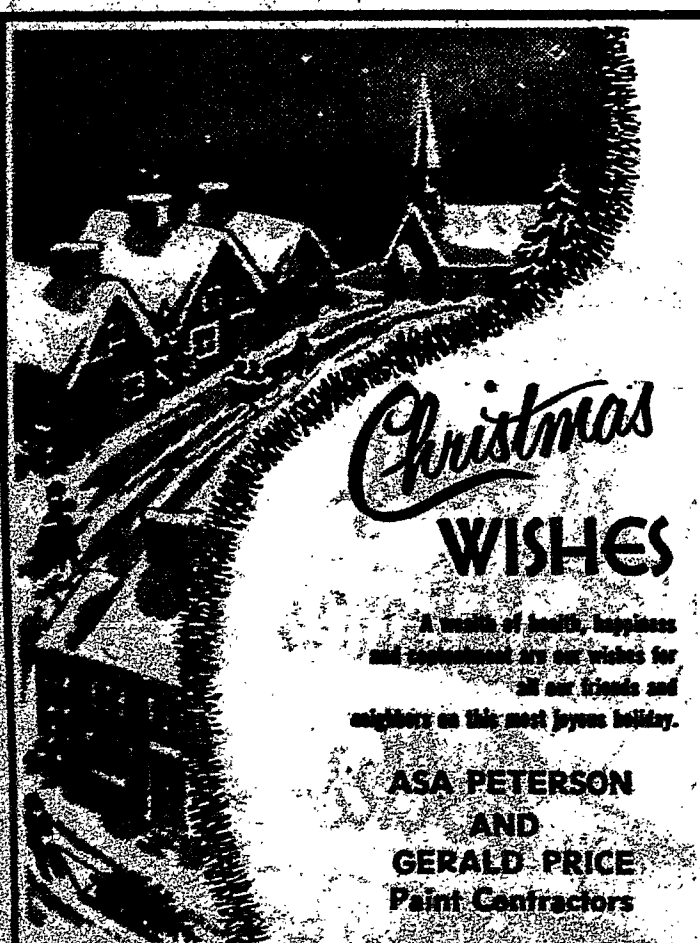
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be light
and
your home
be bright
with every
Christmas joy



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CREDITS

With all the warmth in our hearts, we extend the warmest best wishes for a joyful Holiday Season.

JACKSON, Miss. (Special) — A new record for well completion this year was set in October with a total of fifty wells being officially completed. The breakdown of the completed wells showed that 19 wildcat ventures were abandoned as dry with only two being successful completions and establishing new pools.

The two discoveries out of the 21 wildcat tests drilled in search of oil or gas is mute testimony of Mississippi's high ratio of failures in exploratory drilling which, due to our complex geological structure is still considered a hazardous and expensive enterprise in this state in contrast to other oil producing states where the ratio of new discoveries is considerably greater in wildcat drilling.

The successful wildcats during Oct-

*As each succeeding year becomes richer and happier
in old relationships, we derive more and more pleasure
in extending Holiday Greetings to our many friends
and associations. To everyone we wish
a joyous and bountiful Christmas; a healthy and prosperous New Year.*

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HOWARD F. SIMMONS
Hancock County Agent

MERRY CHRISTMAS

County Agricultural Extension
staff all join in wishing you
a very Merry Christmas and
a successful New Year.
Christmas Day is not the time to

work you can do.
It is possible for all of us
to have the day off and not do
any work. However, some work
must be done that of dairyman and poultry
man, is an every day job and
must be postponed.
If possible, try to take some time
off from the routine and enjoy your
self this holiday season. Your dairy
man, do the work that is absolutely
necessary, but don't try to think up
some additional jobs to do.
While observing Christmas this year,
take a little time to think about the
real meaning of the Day—not just
the commercialized version. You know
Christmas has a far deeper significance
than just another holiday and a time
to give Christmas presents. These are
just outward signs of the real meaning
of Christmas.

This Christmas season might be a
good time to think about some of
your fair animals. For instance the
dairy cow. Does she have adequate
shelter? If she doesn't she cannot
produce milk to the best of her ability.
It will take some of that expensive
feed you have been giving her to main-
tain her body heat. If she is pro-
tected from bad, wet and cold weather,
she can turn more of that feed into
milk.

Anyway, after producing an income
for you all year, she is deserving of
a little attention from you right here
at Christmas time. Plan to make
a New Year's resolution to provide
sufficient shelter for your cows.

HOGS

Watch your pigs for signs of hog
influenza. Infected pigs are listless
and won't eat. Other symptoms of
the disease are loss of weight, labored
breathing, watery eyes and coughing.

Once the disease appears it can
spread rapidly through your herd.
While pigs with flu seldom die, they
take about a week to recover and
there is also danger of flu turning
into pneumonia.

Prevent flu before you have to cure
it. Don't let pigs sleep outside or in
damp, drafty houses. Feed balanced
rations and keep animals free from
parasites.

ORCHARDS

Heavy pruning of peach and apple
trees will reduce yields. Thin bearing
peach trees only moderately. Head
back the branches and remove dead
and damaged branches.

In pruning young peach trees, pro-
vide a framework of three to five
branches spaced six to eight inches
apart on the trunk with the lowest
branch about 18 inches above the
ground.

To prune old apple trees, remove the
branches near the ground that are
completely shaded out by those above.
Also prune out dead, broken and
crossing branches and water sprouts.
In young apple trees maintain a cen-
tral trunk or leader and prevent any
sharp crotches by removing limbs
that threaten to form such crotches.

Auntie didn't see the nail, but
the nail saw Auntie. On the nail
are panties. The panties are
Auntie's.

Senior Athlete Merits December Honors At Stanislaus

Again the Rock-A-Chew looks
toward the field of athletics for
the Senior of the Month. The Hon-
ors for December go to Billy Scan-
borough, one of the few seniors
who has attended Stanislaus for 9
years.

Billy, who has played varsity
football for the last two years,
started this past season as one of
the few returning lettermen. He
was switched from his former po-
sition of defensive halfback to
quarterback. Playing out of this
position, he had a major part in
keeping the team together. His
was the job of calling plays and
helping increase and maintain spirit
when needed. Billy's speed and
judgment made him one of this
year's most valuable players.



He has also been active on the
baseball team, of which he has been
a member for the last 4 years. His
speed and extremely good throwing
arm have enabled him to do an
Ave., then to the field.

This year his fellow classmates
elected him Treasurer of the Con-
fraternity of the Sacred Heart, thus
bringing his 4 year membership
in this organization to a position of
great importance.

Among his hobbies are hunting
and fishing, which afford him re-
laxation and enjoyment. These two
outdoor hobbies continue the pat-
tern set by his athletic plans to at-
tend college and become a dentist.

RIPLEY SHOE FIRM PAYS OFF WORKERS IN SILVER DOLLARS

The Foot Care Shoe Company at
Ripley recently paid off its employ-
ees in silver dollars to give merchants
and citizens an idea of what this pay-
roll means to the area. The result was
that Tippah County was flooded with
approximately 7,000 of the "cartwheel"
coins. The company's payroll since last
fall has amounted to \$167,563.



Season's Greetings

In extending our sincerest greetings to
our friends at this time we find an ever
deeper meaning in the spirit of Christmas.

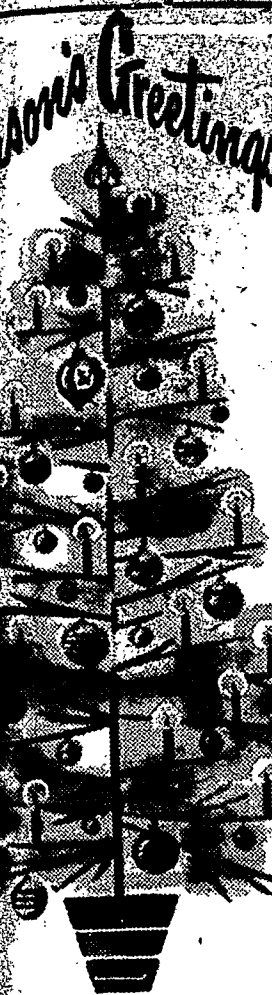
For it is the furthering of friendship and brotherhood
with others that brings to us the true joy of living...

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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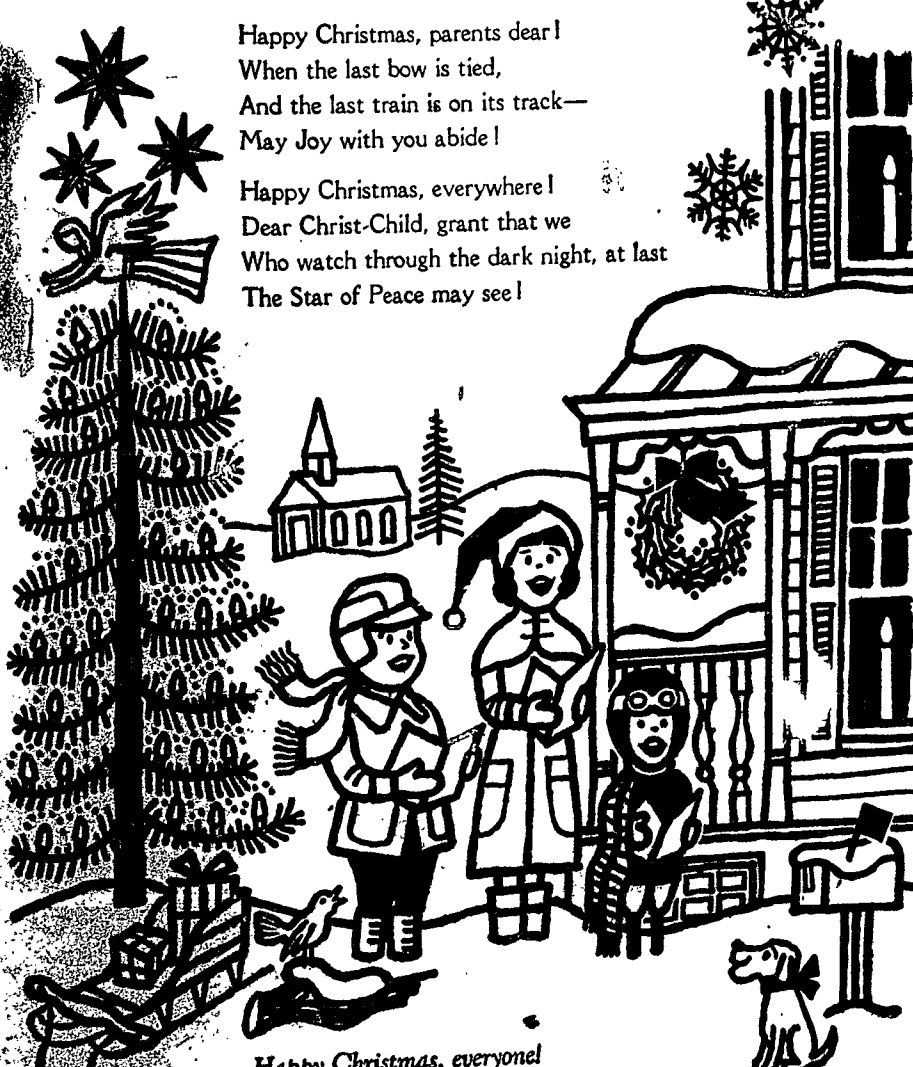
Happy Christmas, everyone!
This ancient wish and true
We choose to carry greetings
From us to all of you!



Happy Christmas, little ones!
And may you shout in glee
To find your dreams all gaily wrapped
Beneath the shining Tree!

Happy Christmas, parents dear!
When the last bow is tied,
And the last train is on its track—
May Joy with you abide!

Happy Christmas, everywhere!
Dear Christ-Child, grant that we
Who watch through the dark night, at last
The Star of Peace may see!



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We choose to carry greetings
From us to all of you!

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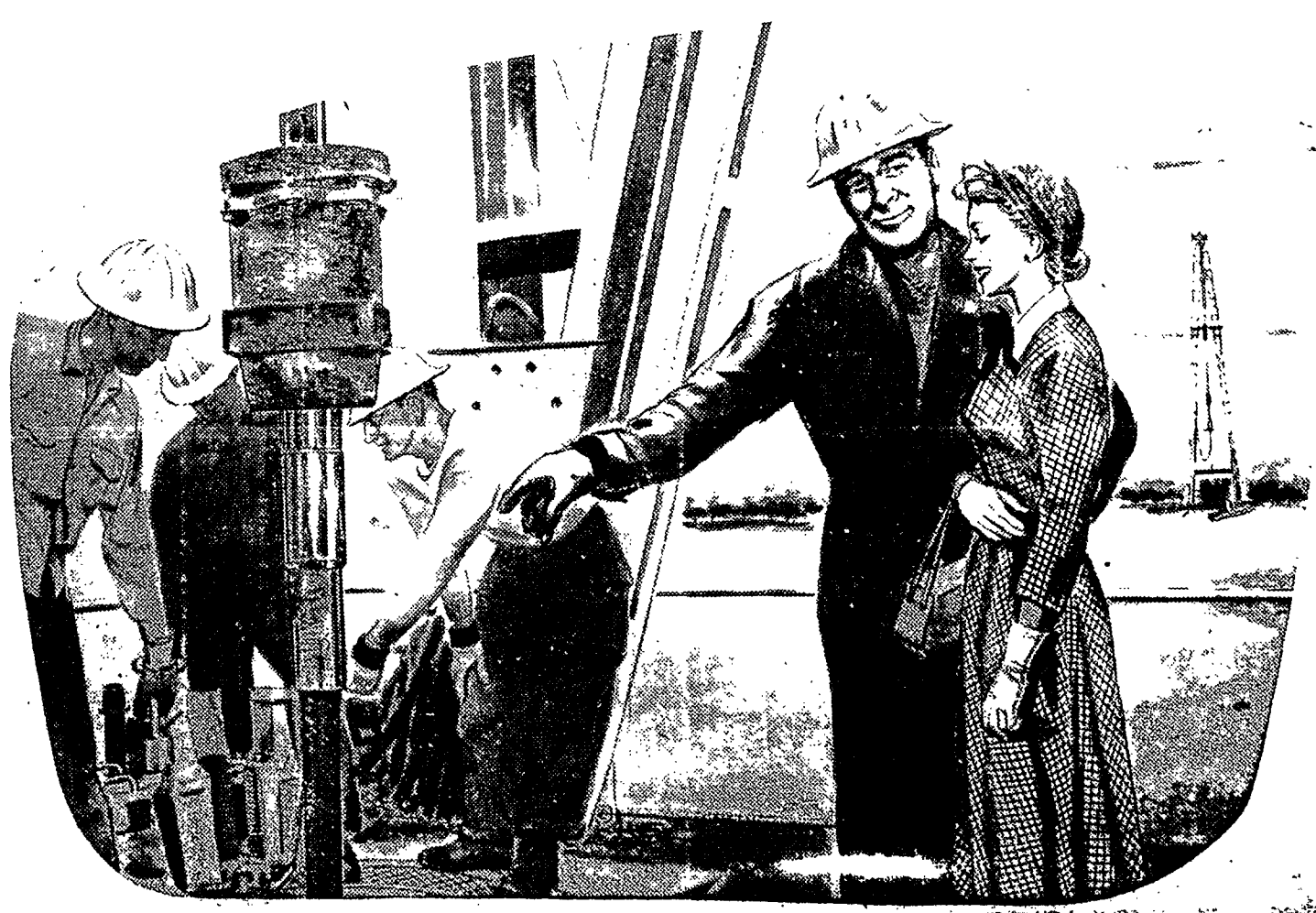
And when, at last, a supply of natural gas has been
discovered, other segments of the gas industry—the pipe
line companies, and your local gas company—take over
the job of moving it to me. Let. They work hand-in-hand
to provide you dependable natural gas service.

But the key to your gas service is the never-ending
search for new supplies of this superior fuel . . . a search
that calls for enormous investments of money and
manpower. And the gas industry will continue to make
these investments . . . will continue to search out new
gas fields . . . so long as there is the incentive to en-
courage companies to find, produce, transport and
distribute natural gas.



"Actually natural gas is one of my
biggest bargains. It's worth every cent
I pay for it, and then some."

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CHRISTMAS BASKET DRIVE READIES FOODS FOR NEEDY OF BAY SAINT LOUIS AREA

Holiday baskets of food and canned goods will be distributed to the poor of Bay St. Louis during the holidays, in order that they will have enough food for a wonderful Christmas dinner.

Formerly, Saint Stanislaus would give presents and candy away to the poor children at a Christmas party, but this was discontinued and the Christmas baskets were adopted instead.

The money for these baskets comes from several sources, mainly the Sugar Bowl Ticket Raffle and the Flea-Fly game, and some generous donations.

The needy families who receive the baskets are determined by the welfare office, the Knights of Columbus, the parish priests, and other organizations who recommend those in need of this charity.

The baskets consist of a turkey each, with canned goods and other foods. Student volunteers from SSC make up the baskets and distribute them.

Between 100 and 150 baskets are distributed each year around December 23.

— St. Stanislaus Rockachow

A hundred and fifty feet on high Will leaned out to see the sky; A hundred and fifty feet below They scraped up Willie with a hoe.

Urges Blood Bank Support

BY Gordon Romanoff

"My Friends have given me a GIFT OF LIFE. When my life was slipping fast away my many Friends gave their own life's blood to save my life and to help to bring me back to health. They are REAL Friends."

Arthur Miller stated this week.

"Those same Friends," Miller continued, "and others as well have overwhelmed me with more Windnesses. They have held parties and dances for my benefit. They continue to assist wherever they can."

"How can I thank them? They won't accept thanks. I can never repay them. I do wish to thank all of them and I want to thank GOD for allowing me to know these Friends who have proven themselves to be Friends INDEED," he continued.

"I am in a position to know that Blood CAN save lives. I found this out the hard way. I hope that my example may be required to show this way I did. I hope that my example will make every person realize the importance of having an Active Blood Donor List."

The Hancock County Blood Bank can do much to help solve this problem. We have the set-up to save lives, but the Blood Bank program can succeed only by the co-operation of the People. I must not forget my fellow workers

hope that the names of all of my Friends can be found on the Master Blood Donor List. YOU CAN GIVE A GIFT OF LIFE. Get behind the Hancock County Blood Bank," Miller concluded.

Youth Center Vice Pres.

Henry Monti recently was elected vice president of the Bay St. Louis Youth Center, replacing Christopher Bell, who resigned.

Monti is a freshman at Bay High School.

Vile Seal Idea Was From Denmark

This year millions of Americans have received a letter from their loved ones. The National Tuberculosis Association, containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the need to stamp out the importance of having an Active Blood Donor List.

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Best Wishes for Christmas

When the wise men followed the guiding star from out of the East...they found a beautiful and awesome sight at the end of their journey...

May the spirit of the first Christmas brighten your home with its joy and lighten your heart with its promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men"

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and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise was placed on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Riis, Danish-Born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article. A Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.

Christmas Today Too Commercial Many Believe

Today we hear many people say that Christmas has been "commercialized" and has lost its true meaning. Has it? Is it wrong this one time in the

year to make the dominant theme one of giving rather than receiving?

Giving has always been a major part of the Christmas theme—the giving of the joy and happiness to others whether centuries and not now will ever stop it. It is spiritual or material.

What, after all, brings more joy than holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world, and the holiday has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and Christmas special-story.

Merry Christmas Ahead



It looks like it's going to be the happiest

holiday ever—filled with the pleasures that only

the season can bring...a deep down glad spirit, warm and loving hearts.

May you enjoy this Christmas with unlimited good health and good spirit.

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Season's Greetings

May the chiming of the joyous Christmas bells, the voices of the choir boys, bring to you again all the warmth of spirit and peace of heart of this glorious season. A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to All.

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As I See It . . .

By DR. C. M. SHIPP

Can the biological order of life be changed from that of our Creator that has been in operation since the beginning of time? Man's creative genius has accomplished much toward making the life more comfortable and adding length and happiness to his sojourn here on earth. To change this order and bring about an imbalance would destroy the species; might create chaos. To change once set up could bring about our own downfall. Some species in the animal and vegetable world have been noticed in plant life. All these things seem to have the power to make adjustments to the physical forces.

lot of punishment and come through and still produce its kind. It is difficult to destroy species of life. Take for instance the snake; it has not a friend in this world. Every living thing is its enemy and makes every effort to destroy it. Its whole genera is still alive; for truth not a species of its kind has, so far as we know, become extinct. Like the devil with all the clergy and every respectable citizen teaming up by thousands to make war on him, he still is a formidable foe to be reckoned with in every walk of life. All the courts since the beginning of time have decreed against him, yet he is ever present making trouble.

What a fertile field for man's ingenious mind. We can't destroy what we can't see until we chance to see it. The devil will survive even when you have him under your thumb.

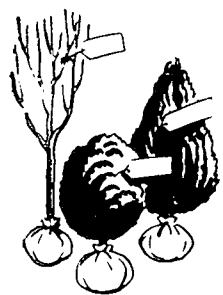
In medicine we don't destroy species even in the lower vegetative form; certainly not in the pathological group of germs. Probably this is well that we don't. Take just one of the many diseases that pester mankind—polio-myelitis. Lots of people have that disease. How do we know this? We know it by the following experiment. If we took the blood from a thousand

and people and put it into one batch by so-called pooling it, the first thing we notice is that it is a liquid and red in color. Yes, we see this picture. We further know that it flows from an injured part of the body. To look at it sometimes makes us sick at the stomach. To get blood always causes pain, sometimes slight and sometimes severe. The mental picture you have of blood is not so. It is not a true liquid, because it contains undissolved solids, nor is it red, under the microscope. There are lots of things in your blood you know so little about. There are lots of different kinds of cells, fibers to make it clot and minerals too numerous to talk about. This is not all. Other substances are there—little immune bodies that are never seen, second only by their action are they identified.

In the disease called poliomyelitis these little bodies are found in those bloods where the donor has had poliomyelitis. Many folks have had this disease and didn't even know it. How do we know this? Well, there is only one way these little bodies could have gotten there and that is by having the disease. The disease, like many other diseases ever so mild and undetected always leave behind the telltale tracks. It is like the finger print the detective sometimes finds of a bad man that has been cutting up and should be arrested for his misbehaving.

Now suppose nobody ever had poliomyelitis for years and years and we have no treatment for this disease and nobody would have antibodies in their blood to give other exposed children serum globulin. The little undetected infection of this disease immunizes hundreds and hundreds of people we know nothing about. That's why we don't have pandemics of this disease.

The same thing is true of a disease called syphilis, once a scourge to the human race. Over years and years people became infected for no man made law can control the biological acts of people. What happened? So many became infected and managed to build up in their bodies a little immunity to protect them and handed some of this immunity on to their offspring. We were gradually building up an immunity. We don't see the



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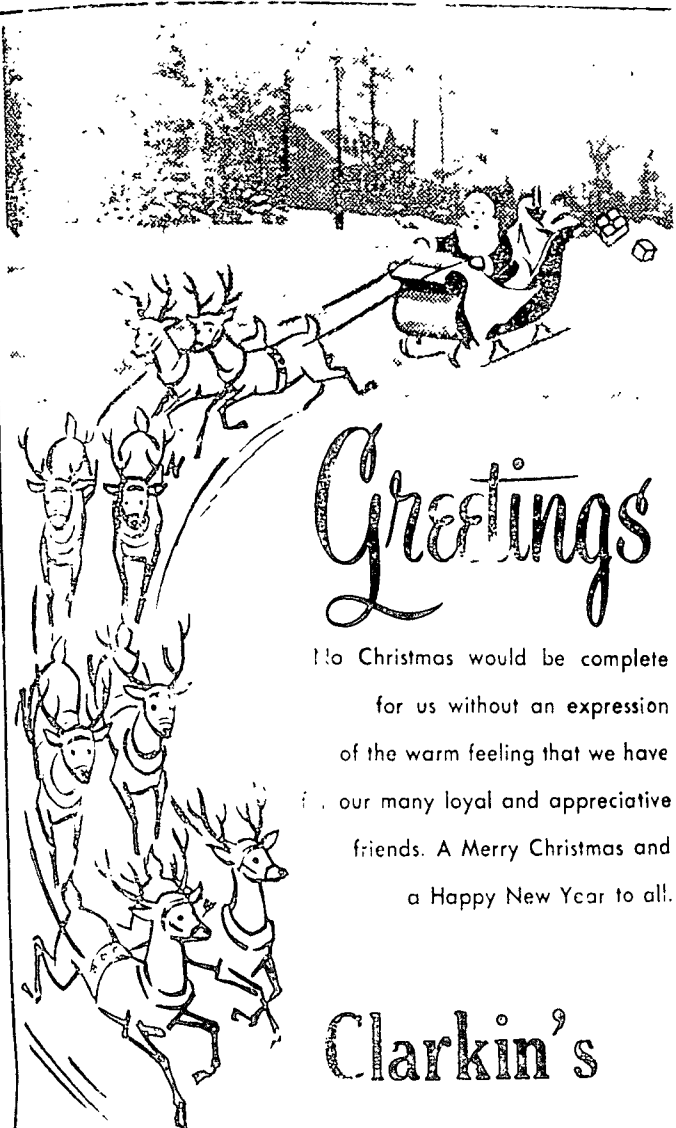
terrible lesson of syphilis today, we saw many years ago. So we were slowly becoming civilized and syphilis died.

Then many of these diseases we had were not at all had even the slightest infection always leaves behind some form of protection, not much but a little. Even the little cold, we

Season's Greetings

May the "Peace
that with all understanding" enter
into your heart
at Christmas. In the spirit of Him,
whose Natal Day we celebrate,
may you find the hope, faith
and courage to hold steadfast
to the bright promise of
a world in which
peace and good will
shall.

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Greetings

No Christmas would be complete
for us without an expression
of the warm feeling that we have
for our many loyal and appreciative
friends. A Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year to all.

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Warm Wishes at Christmas



May this happy Yuletide
season brim over with all good things
—with surprises as merry
and pleasing as the findings under your
Christmas tree. To all our friends,
both old and new, go our warmest and sincerest
wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season.

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Germans First
Lighted Christmas
Tree in America

Germans immigrants, homesick for the traditions of their native land, were the first to decorate Christmas Trees in the homes in the United States.

Historians believe it was about the year 1680 that the Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds of the day being a pagan. And a Massachusetts law in 1689 subjected anyone to a fine for observing the day by feasting, merrymaking from work or in any way.

Historians also believe that Martin Luther was the first to decorate and light a Christmas tree, glowing with starlight, as a picture to the heavens at Christmas time. So he brought an evergreen into his house and lighted it with candles for his children.

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The club has obtained several thousand assembled bird houses made of yellow Mississippi pine which they are offering to mail postpaid anywhere to anyone who contributes \$1.25 (or more) to the March of Dimes Campaign through the club.

The project is being made possible through the cooperation of H. C. Yawn, Manager of the local Southern Woods Products Corporation, who is giving the bird houses to the club, without charge.

The bird houses, strongly constructed, stand 12 inches high, 6 inches wide, 6 inches deep and are just right to be attached to a garage corner or end of the house.

Every penny sent to pay for a bird house goes to the March of Dimes, according to Hubert B. Scrivener, President of the Club and Chairman of the local polo drive.

All you do is send \$1.25 or more to the Maben Lions Club, Maben, Miss., and you will receive a bird house by return mail postage paid.

Keep Trees Green

If you have the type of a tree holder that permits the tree trunk to rest in water, you will find that a small amount of plant food dissolved in the water will aid in retaining the needles on the tree, and keep the needles green. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant food solution.

Use one teaspoonful of plant food, powdered form, to each gallon of water in the container, or use one plant food tablet to each gallon.

Teen-age girl to irate father: But Daddy, how could Freddy bring me home for twelve when he didn't finish spending his money until half past one?

Guest: This party is awful dull. I think I'll go home.
Host: Fine, old chap. That will sure help.

**SOLO CONCERT HELD
IN STANISLAUS GYM**

For the first time in the history of the Stanislaus Band a concert consisting entirely of solos was held on Sunday, December 13, at St. Stanislaus Auditorium.

A lot of hard work went into the concert, since the solos which the boys played were the same numbers they will play in the State Solo and Ensemble Clinic.

In the recital, these soloists represented the following selections: Trumpets, James Bechel, Jack Crais, Lennie Mark, and Ames Kergosien; Saxophones, Joe Kern, Arthur Chapman, Robert Hubbard, Edsel Auscun and David Bishop; Clarinets, Freddy Bourgeois, James Raymond, Carlo Scafidi, Everett Kergosien and Joe Delph; French Horn, Alvin Genin; Baritone, Charles Langley and Tom Crooks; Trombones, John Foto, Hector Bourg and Charles Bishop; Drums, George Perry, John Joyce and Gabie Brady.

Featured was Warren Carver who played solos on the Saxophone, Clarinet and Piccolo.

Small Towns First To Light Outdoor Trees

It was a small town that first thought of lighting an outdoor community Christmas tree.

Four communities are believed to have thought of the idea about the same time—as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania. Salem, Oregon, decorated a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Anacardus.

The first National Christmas Tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American Forestry Association. The event is now televised every year for all parts of the country to see.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, said bids to be delivered to the Clerk of said Board of Supervisors not later than 9:00 o'clock A.M., January 4th, 1954, for furnishing to Hancock County, for the period beginning on the date of acceptance of said bids until December 31st, 1954, for the following merchandise and materials, to-wit:

1. Gasoline, lubricating oil, diesel fuel oil, greases, oils and tubes of all sizes delivered as and when needed to County owned vehicles and at points designated by the Board, as per plans and specifications on file in the office of the Clerk of said Board.

2. Grader blades, supplies and parts for road machinery.

3. Metal and concrete culverts, both sewer and road culverts; Gravel, all sizes; sand, reef shells, oyster shells, clam shells delivered as and when needed at points designated by the Board.

4. Cement, by the sack and ready mixed concrete to meet highway specifications by the cubic yard, also reinforcement steel, both matting and half inch and three quarter inch round.

5. Bridge timber all sizes, oak, pine and cypress both treated and untreated, also creosoted piling, all sizes; also wood preserver by the gallon, drum lots.

6. Cold mix asphalt, f.o.b. Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, as per Mississippi State Highway specifications, also AC-15 asphalt f.o.b. cars, Bay St. Louis, Miss; MC-SE asphalt prime, f.o.b. cars, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi; also slag in carload lots, f.o.b. Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, all of the above materials to meet the Mississippi State Highway specifications.

7. Janitor supplies, including disinfectants, cleaner, sweeping compound, mops, brooms, waxes and deodorants, etc.

8. Complete mortuary service for paupers in Hancock County (specify in bid type of casket and service to be rendered).

All bids submitted will specify type, size, and grade of material or merchandise, bids may be made in whole or in part.

The successful bidder for any one or more items shall furnish bond in accordance with law for the faithful performance of his contract.

Said bids are to be filed with the Clerk of this Board on or before 9:00 o'clock A.M., on Monday, January 4th, 1954.

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Given under my hand and official seal of office, this 7th day of December, A.D. 1953.

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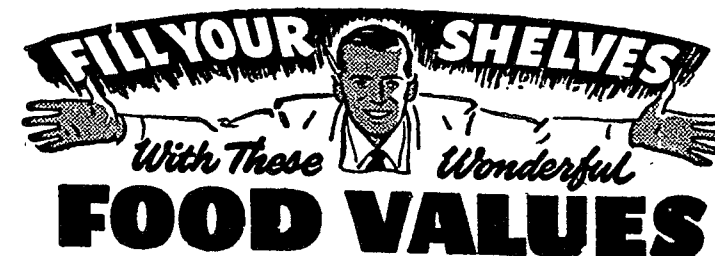
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INDIANA TOWN CAME TO ITS FINAL NAME

The community of Santa Claus, Ind., has come to its final name. At Christmas time its name is swapped with "mama doll," a sled, a sweater, or

from throughout the world by people who want their letter postmarked Santa Claus. In addition, thousands of letters are received at the post office addressed to "Santa Claus, Santa Claus, Ind."

The music in the joint was so bad that when the waiter dropped a tray of dishes, everybody got up and started dancing.

COUNTY AGENT'S NOTES

BY HOWARD F. SIMMONS
Hancock County Agent

SHEEP

Plenty of pasture is the backbone of any sheep enterprise. However, it is one of those years when pasture is certainly not in plenty. This will make it necessary to feed your sheep until grazing is available. For wintering each ewe when little or no grazing is available, it will take around 100 pounds of grain and 300 pounds of good legume hay. A poor feeding program during lambing season will result in lambs coming small, weak and deformed. Even if a lamb appears normal at birth, not enough milk will be provided to grow it out properly. In many instances the ewe if not properly fed, will not be able to supply enough milk to even keep the lamb alive.

A ration of one-half pound to a pound of grain—one-fourth of which should be protein, plus two to three pounds of good legume hay, should keep the ewes in good condition. If good quality silage is available, feed three to five pounds per ewe each day.

Six weeks before lambing each ewe should be treated for internal parasites. Symptoms of worms are scouring, occasional swelling under the jaw, bleaching of the eyelids and eyes, and a general run-down appearance.

Sheepmen should make sure that lambs get a fill of milk soon after being dropped. Hold ewes and lambs until the lambs are strong enough to go. If weather is cold, make use of heating lamps or hot water jugs. Disinfect the navels of new lambs with tincture of iodine.

COTTON QUOTAS

At least two-thirds of the cotton farmers voting in the December 15

referendum on cotton quota must approve marketing quotas and acreage allotments for the 1954 crop. A large vote in one voting area could defeat the program in any other area having a light vote. So vote as you think best, but be sure to vote.

Time and place of voting is December 15th from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at FMA Office in Bay St. Louis.

If farmers approve the quotas, the level of price support on the 1954 crops will be 50 per cent of parity. If they disapprove quotas, the level of price support will be 10 percent of parity.

Based on the 50 per cent support level, the loan rate for middling 1 1/16 inch cotton, the most common grade and staple in Mississippi, would be around 17 cents. With quotas in 1954, carryover cotton from previous crops could be marketed without penalty, except 1950 cotton subject to penalty and on which

the penalty had not been paid. The 1950 crop and allotments were not made until the 1950 crop.

If farmers vote against quotas, the price of cotton in storage would be considerably thereby eliminating any equity the farmer might have in the cotton.

In turn this would probably result in the economy here that leaving agencies would find it difficult to find the amount of help they would need in financing the 1954 crop.

The referendum is held to determine whether quotas will be made effective for 1954 following the Secretary of Agriculture's quota proclamation of October 15, 1953. The law requires the Secretary to proclaim the quotas and allotments when the total supply—carryovers plus current crop imports—exceeds the normal supply—expected domestic consumption and exports plus a 30 per cent reserve.

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One sweet thing in the other "O' course, I wouldn't say anything about the subject. It was good, and Oh, Boy, is this good!"

Don't like the teacher. The subject's too deep. I'd cut the class. But I need the sleep.

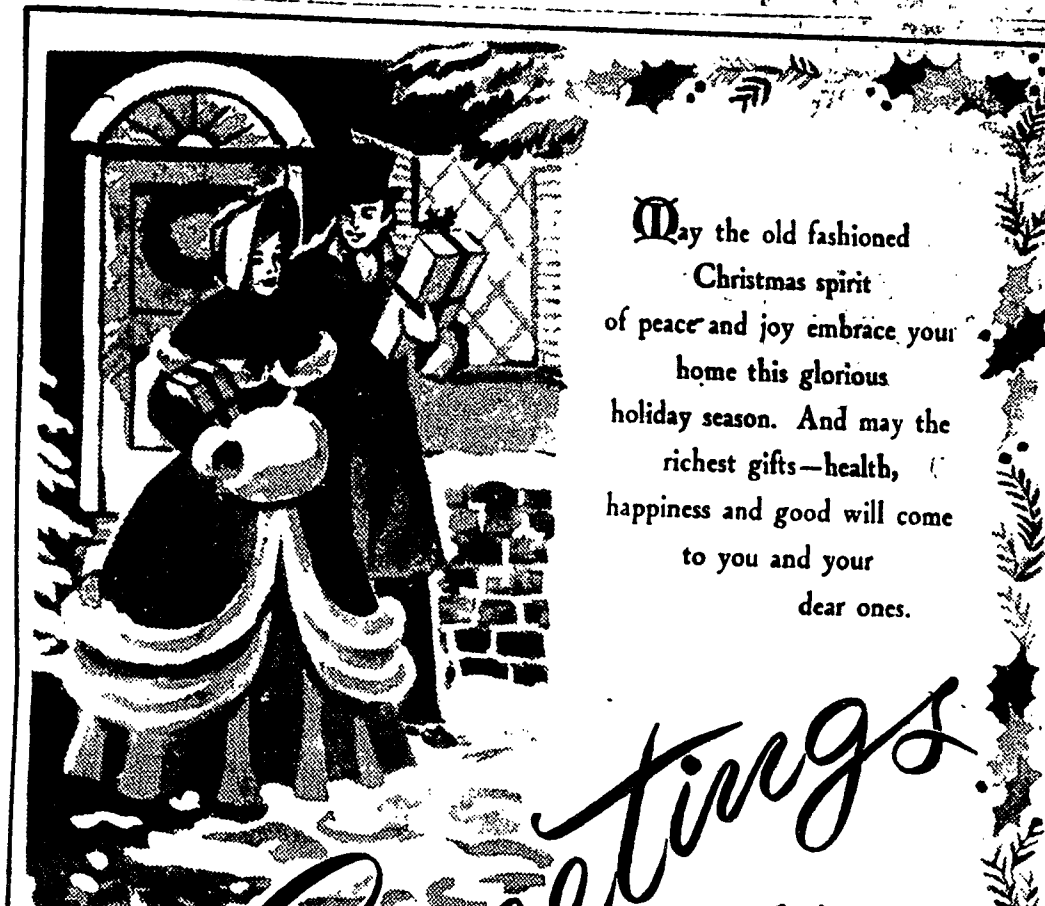


Greetings

May you find good cheer, peace and happiness at Christmas time. These are our sincere wishes for all our friends who have made this Christmas such a wonderful one for us.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

May the good cheer of the season enter your home at Christmas and abide with you and yours through all the days and months to come. To all we extend our sincerest wishes for health, happiness and the fulfillment of dreams most dearly cherished...

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The week before Christmas is the season of all the year, the time when the love, the joy, the faith that we have in our hearts finds expression. It is a time for laughter, for song and song. It is a time when there seems to be a new heaven in our prayers.

Christmas Day is made doubly holy by what the days before Christmas have been. We have seen the very Spirit of Christmas in the very story of the angels, the story of the angels, the story of the angels.

The week before Christmas is a happy time for the little ones. Their demands for stories of the season and the Christ Child keep the story-tellers young and old busy for hours. A Christmas story most youngsters love is the one of fairly recent origin, Charles Tazewell's "The Littlest Angel."

For the many story loving youngsters who may not know this wonderful story, here it is . . .

THE LITTLEST ANGEL

Once upon a time—oh, many, many years ago as time is calculated by men—but which was only Yesterday in the Celestial Calendar of Heaven—there was, in Paradise, a most miserable, thoroughly unhappy, and utterly dejected cherub who was known throughout Heaven as "The Littlest Angel."

He was exactly four years, six months, five days, seven hours and forty-two minutes of age when he presented himself to the venerable Gate-keeper, and waited for admittance to the Glorious Kingdom of God.

Standing defiantly, with his short brown legs wide apart, the Littlest Angel tried to pretend that he wasn't at all impressed by such Unearthly Splendor, and that he wasn't at all afraid. But his lower lip trembled, and a tear disgraced him by making a new furrow down his already tear-streaked face—coming to a precipitous halt at the very tip end of his small freckled nose.

But that wasn't all. While the kindly Gate-keeper was entering the name in his great Book, the Littlest Angel, having left home as usual without a handshake, endeavored to hide the tell-tale evidence by snuffing—a most unangelic sound which so unmannered the good Gate-keeper that he did something he had never done before in all Eternity. He blotted the page!

From that moment on, the Heavenly Peace was never quite the same, and the Littlest Angel soon became the despair of all the Heavenly Host. His shrill, ear-splitting whistle resounded at all hours through the Golden Streets. It startled the Patriarch Prophets and disturbed their meditations. Yes, and on top of that, he inevitably and vociferously sang off-key at the singing practice of the Heavenly Choir, spoiling its ethereal effect.

And, being so small that it seemed to take him just twice as long as anyone else to get to nightly prayers, the Littlest Angel always arrived late, and always knocked everyone's wings askew as he darted into his place.

Although these flaws in behavior might have been overlooked, the general appearance of the Littlest Angel was even more disreputable than his deportment. It was first whispered among the Seraphim and Cherubim and then said aloud among the Angels and Archangels, that he didn't even look like an angel!

And they were all quite correct. He didn't. His halo was permanently tarnished where he held onto it with one hot little chubby hand when he ran, and he was always running. Furthermore, even when he stood, very still, it never behaved like a halo should. It was always slipping down over his right eye.

Or over his left eye.


Or else, just for pure meanness, slipping off the back of his head and rolling away down some Golden Street just so he'd have to chase after it!

Yes, and it must be here recorded that his wings were neither neat nor symmetrical. All Paradise held its breath when the Littlest Angel reached himself like an unhappy feline speck on the very edge of a golden cloud and prepared to take off. He would

... (text continues with the story of the Littlest Angel) ...

Greetings

Enjoy the joys of the season and all its friendly cheer through your home at Christmas and abide with you all through the year... This is our warm holiday wish for you and yours.



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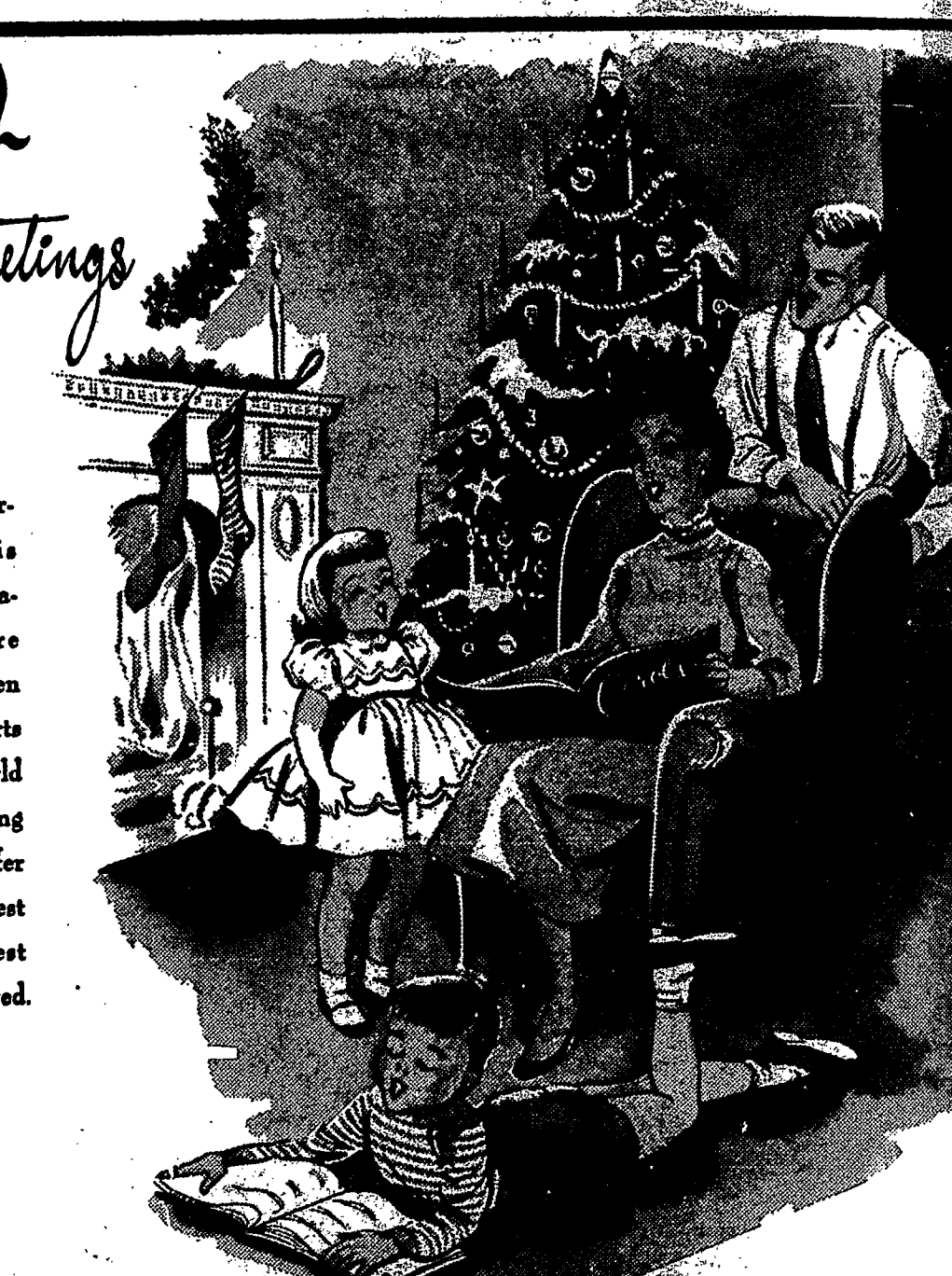
I have been wonderfully blessed in being restored to active life after being crippled in nearly every joint in my body and with muscular soreness from head to foot. I had Rheumatoid Arthritis and other forms of Rheumatism, hands deformed and my ankles were set.

Limited space prohibits telling you more here but if you will write me I will reply at once and tell you how I received this wonderful relief.

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JOYFUL Holiday Greetings

In the warm and cheerful atmosphere of this wonderful Christmas season when families are gathered together — when spirits are refreshed, hearts uplifted and all the world is suddenly full of smiling people — we want to offer to one and all our very best wishes for the happiest holiday you've ever enjoyed.



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THAT REINDEER IS BECOMING TRADITION

That reindeer is becoming an American tradition.

Once upon a time there was a reindeer with a picture of Rudolph both on its nose. You know, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer. From a small beginning in 1949, the little reindeer with the white nose has become as familiar as Santa Claus and Christmas to practically everywhere.

First, inspired at a name giveaway promotion for Montgomery Ward by Robert L. May, Rudolph was featured in many fine booklets before he became associated with Christmas.

Songwriter Johnny Marks liked the tale "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer," so he wrote a song about it. He was so sure he had a success that he started his own publishing company to issue "Rudolph" as his "first" release.

Gene Autry made the initial recording, and that one record sold 2,000,000 copies.

Last year, there were 16 different recordings of the song for sale, ranging from boogie-woogie by Sugar Hill Robinson to Bing Crosby.

Kate didn't see the shark, but the shark saw Kate.
The shark ate the bait. The bait was Kate.

Egypt, Rome Observed New Years in Spring

Ancient Rome and Egypt celebrated New Year in the spring.

Egypt used the overflowing of the Nile as a calendar and celebrated the New Year accordingly, in June.

The Babylonians began their year in March and the early Romans followed the Babylonian pattern.

Bearing this in mind, the custom of invoking the gods of fertility at New Year's time—the origin of which is lost in antiquity—seems logical and appropriate.

Since the Egyptians were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Bacchus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind.

Scottish lads always had a howling good time going about on New Year's Eve switching the trunk of fruit trees and petitioning "good howling crop."

Reflecting the fear of starvation peasant families in various parts of the world have a special New Year's cake which they dash against the door; member of the household hastened to pick up piece and eat it, prayful that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the year.

Season's Greetings

TINKLING BELLS, holly wreaths, winter scenes
with evergreens; logs on hearth, candles bright, little faces
beam delight...these, to us, are all warm reminders
that a very special time is here...so a very special wish
is due...May this Holiday Season bring you
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GREETINGS

of the Season

May the happiness of
the Holiday season,
deepened and strengthened
by the spiritual inspiration of the
Christmas message, abide with
you through all the days ahead.
This is our warmest wish for you
and yours, as through the
soft silence of a Holy night,
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REMEMBER Last year at this time our soldiers were fighting in Korea. These MacArthur 105-mm shells, these three GI's spent the "Happy New Year" in the snow somewhere in Korea.

DRILL 14 DRY HOLES BEFORE OIL STRIKE

JACKSON, Miss. (Special) A veteran independent oil operator and drilling contractor who refused to let 14 straight dry holes after his belief in the production possibilities of a Mississippi area today can look forward with reasonable certainty of seeing his perseverance rewarded.

Back in 1940 Harry I. Morgan drilled a dry hole on a Mississippi geological structure known as the Wiggins Anticline. This was the first Mississippi well to penetrate the Massive Sand of the Tuscaloosa Formation, and it showed that the excellently-developed sand body, if trapped high enough on formation, should be productive of oil or gas here as it had been in other states.

In the subsequent years, Morgan drilled 13 more wells—all of them deeper than 8,000 feet and all of them very costly failures—on the large structure that extends through Forrest and Stone counties into Jackson County.

Now in the process of completion in the Massive Sand of the Tuscaloosa is a gas-condensate well drilled by Harry I. Morgan between the Pistol Ridge and Marie fields on the flank of the Wiggins Anticline in southern Forrest County. This discovery adds another reservoir to the two fields, both of which are already blessed with multiple-zone production.

Then tenacious Morgan will get his satisfaction from this successful well "second hand," for he is acting only as the drilling contractor for the well's owner. However, he and his associates

have maintained their leases on and near the Wiggins "High" in spite of their repeated failure to find oil or gas there, can now look forward with reasonable certainty to reaping a spendable reward for their large "investment" and faith in the area.

The story of Harry I. Morgan and the Massive Sand, though unusual, expresses an accurate view of the financial hazards to be faced, the odds to be played against, and the spirit required in the search for additional oil and gas reservoirs in Mississippi.

To the credit of both independent operators and major oil companies, private capital has been employed at private risk in the proper development of Mississippi oil and natural gas resources which are without value to Mississippi and her people until discovered and produced by the oil and gas industry.

MOST BELOVED CAROL IS "SILENT NIGHT"

The most beloved carol of the many that are sung in all parts of the world is "Silent Night," that simple and tender German song.

Its origin was unknown for many years. Recent research, however, disclosed that it was written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

The poet and the composer were part of the choir that sang the carol for the first time on Christmas Eve, in the Oberndorf church in 1818. The night it was sung the small church's organ was out of order and



Norman & Yvonne Benigno

the choir sang to the accompaniment of a guitar. Since then the carol has been sung to the accompaniment of almost every musical instrument in the world and, in all, English, Spanish, German, French, Italian, and many other languages of nearly all men.

BY HENRY COLE

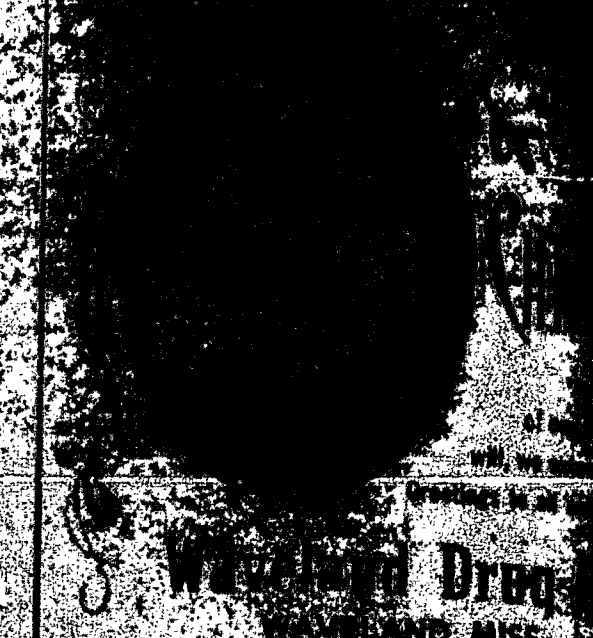
Christmas trees are so much a part of the modern Yuletide season that the wonder is to wonder how the tree originated and by whom.

This simple idea of bringing the forest home and lighting it in the parlor, Henry Cole, a government official, first conceived the idea on a December day in 1846. The words "Merry Christmas" were written on the tree and the tree was lit with candles and the traditional Christmas carols of giving to the poor. They also bore the "Merry Christmas" and "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

He had a photograph of the tree struck off by a lithographer. They were such a success that when Henry Cole subsequently became Sir Henry Cole, the tree was made a national symbol.

The words we read today, however, are far from those mailed by Cole. The carol was written and is now the most popular of all Christmas carols. It is a simple and tender German song.

The demand for carols is so great that for the last



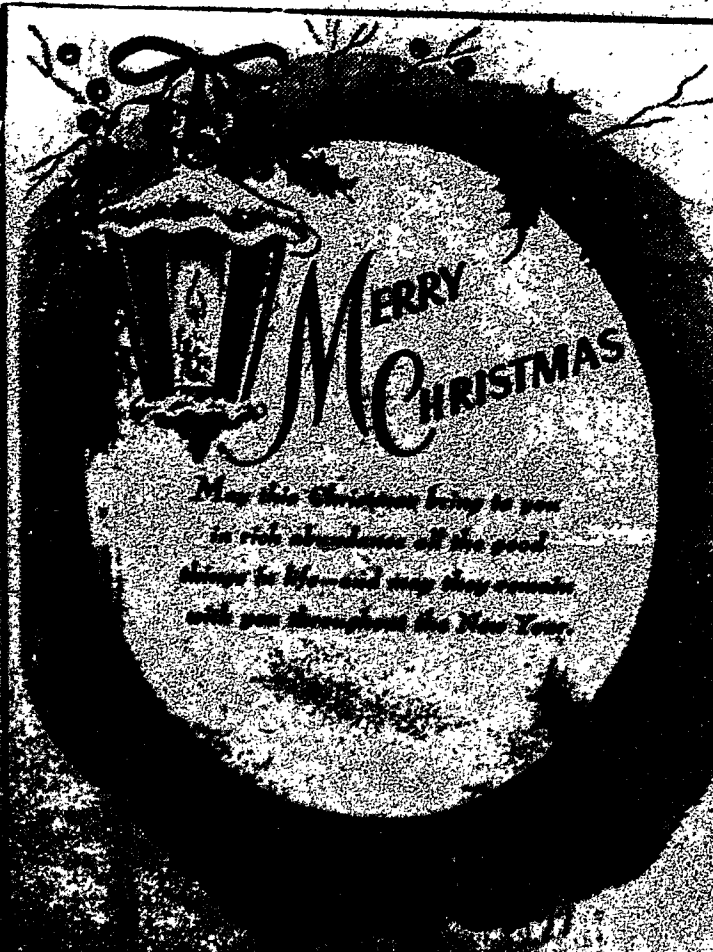
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May this Christmas bring to you
as rich abundance of the good
things of life as this tree reveals
with you throughout the New Year.



Season's Greetings

With the approach of Christmas, our thoughts revert gratefully to those whose good will and confidence we have learned to treasure throughout the years. It is to these old friends and our many new ones that we wish to extend our warmest wishes for a cheerful and joyous Christmas—a happy and prosperous New Year.

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A BABE WAS BORN

GOSPEL. Luke 2:1-14 — At that time, A decree went forth from Augustus Caesar that the whole world should be enrolled. The first enrollment was made by Cyrenus, the governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, into Judea to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child.

And it came to pass that while they were there, the days of her delivery were completed. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger: because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds watching, and keeping the nightwatches over their flock. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shown round them, and they feared greatly.

And the angel said to them: Fear not; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which shall be to all the people; for this day is born to you in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you. Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying: Glory to God on high: and on earth peace to men of good will.

Miss Samantha's Christmas Wish

by

MARGUERITE BACKMAN

Moses came into the room with a big log in his arms.

"Good morning, Miss Samantha. How you feeling this morning?"

"Oh well, I guess I have no complaints, Moses. Can't expect to feel too pert. Seems as though I would be used to this climate after spending 87 years on the river, but guess I'm too old and can't take it. Put that log on the fire, Moses, and see to it that we have lots of wood in. Looks like we're in for a rainy spell. Besides, tomorrow is Christmas Eve."

"Is you expectin' company, Miss Samantha?"

"Oh no, Moses. All I have left as far as kinsfolks are a few great nieces two, to be exact, and one great nephew, and they're away out in Oregon. It's too far and too cold to come for a visit. Maybe Reverend Brown and Mrs. Brownson will drop in for a cup of tea. They love my spiced tea. Moses, there are a few special things I want you to do today. I want the old parlor opened and even though it has been years since there was a fire in the old fireplace, I made up my mind there would be one this Christmas Eve."

"Yes'm, Moses wondered what had come over his 'Missis'."

"Oh, yes, Moses. You bring old Della over here as soon as it warms up a bit. I have plans."

"Yes'm, Miss Samantha."

"And get that boy down the road

to help you clear the carriage drive, and get in some fresh cedar branches and holly to brighten up the house. Now bring my coffee and toast and get busy, for tomorrow's Christmas Eve."

Moses left the room. He was really perplexed. While he prepared the coffee and toast he kept saying "What done come over Miss Samantha? I ain't never seen her so spruced up in years. She actin' jest like she's expectin' somebody. Well, after all, I've been takin' orders from my missus for a long time, so I reckon when I fetches her breakfast I better go on and get ole Della. She ain't goin' to be much help, cause she's all crippled up."

Moses brought the coffee and toast and put it on the table before the fireplace. Miss Samantha was so deep in thought she didn't hear Moses come in until he said, "Here your coffee, Missus."

"Thanks," Moses. You may go now."

Moses left, muttering "Lord, what done come over Miss Samantha. She's givin' orders like she done when her papa was livin'."

Samantha had her plans. She sipped her coffee, and thoughts were going back over the years. Yes, this was going to be her last fling.

"Yes," she said, "I'll have Della get my good china and silver out and clean and polish them, and my good lines, too."

Getting up, she almost forgot her cane, for she had gone back over the years. Her heart was light. Almost young.

Suddenly she stood at the window, looking at the old carriage drive.

"Yes," she said, "I'll get Della to

get my wishing dress out of the old camphor chest in my room. Let's see, why—I haven't had that dress on in over forty years! Hope it's still all together."

Going over to the mantle, she opened a jewel box and took out a large cameo pin belonging to her mother. She placed it on her dress at the throat, and smiled, saying: "I'll wear this."

Old Moses soon returned with Della who kept shaking his head saying, "Lord, Lord, help my missus. Here's Della, Miss Samantha."

"Good morning, Della."

Della thought, "I can't remember when my missus looked as happy. Her eyes seem to twinkle. Lord, Miss Samantha looks almost young."

"Now, Della, we have lots to do. I want you to get my wishing dress out of the old camphor chest. You remember, Della — my very special wishing dress. Take it out and air it. It's been years since I had it on. Even though it may not fit, you can fix it."

"Yes'm."

"We have lots to do, for tomorrow is Christmas Eve. Really, Della, I don't know when I felt like I do today. It's been a long time."

"Yes'm."

So Della took the key to the old camphor chest and left the room. "I just don't know what come over my missus."

In the meantime Moses had opened the parlor, uncovered the chairs, laid the logs in the fireplace, just as his missus ordered. He, too, was bewildered.

Well, Christmas Eve came. Della helped her, missus to dress. The dress had to be taken in, as Miss Samantha in the last years had "fallen away," as Della called it. She could not help but weep, but she carried out every wish.

Long about five o'clock Moses helped Miss Samantha to the parlor. She sighed and turning to Moses said "Just like the old times" and sat in the gold brocade chair before the fire, smiling graciously. The shadows from the fire danced about the room, like ghosts of other years.

It was warm and cheerful. Moses stood behind his missus. This was like a dream. Then, as though she had awakened from a lovely dream, she turned to Moses, saying, "You may bring my tea, Moses. And don't forget to light the lamp on the carriage drive. Oh, yes. Light the hallway, too."

"Yes'm."

"My, my," thought Moses, "This is like the old times."

Soon night came and suddenly two bright lights lit up the carriage drive. The old darkies trembled. "What's this come to River Home?"

Then the clang of the old iron knocker sounded through the hallway. Moses hurried to the door and opened it. There stood a young man and woman. Moses just stood there dumfounded. When was the last time company came to the front door?

The young man smiled and said, "Is this the Brewster's home?"

Moses recovered from his shock and answer, "Yes, Sir."

"Well, I'm Jefferson Brewster. Does Miss Samantha Brewster still live here?"

Miss Samantha heard voices in the hallway and called to Moses, but before Moses could answer young Jefferson Brewster came into the room, followed by the young woman.

"This must be Aunt Samantha. How are you? I'm Jefferson Brewster."

Miss Samantha held his hand, saying "I'm so glad to see you. Why, you're the image of your father."

"Aunt Samantha, this is my wife, Carolyn."

"How are you, dear? Please sit down, children! Let me get my eyes full of you. And tell me all about yourselves!"

"Well, Aunt Samantha, we're on our honeymoon, and we were so near to River Home Plantation we just had to come by. Maybe thinking of my Dad gave me the hunch, but deep in my heart I wanted to see the place, and you. We really didn't mean to intrude, especially on Christmas Eve, so we just had to drop by. We plan to go to a hotel in the nearest town."

Samantha smiled and said, "Why, Jeff Brewster, what better place to spend your honeymoon than in the home where your father was born and reared, so here you must stay. Besides, it will be so nice for us Brewsters to have Christmas dinner together. Carolyn, you are welcome, my dear, to this grand old house filled with so many lovely dreams and memories."

"Oh, but Aunt Samantha, it will be so much trouble."

"Trouble my eyes! Della's baking the turkey and all the trimmings, and we will have some of the finest old wine you ever tasted."

"You're very kind, Aunt Samantha."

"Kind, Bosh! Just happy because there is a bit of youth, and love, and happiness under this dear, wonderful roof. Moses!"

"Yes'm."

"Bring out the best wine we have. I want to make a toast to my niece and nephew. Now, dear young folks, make dinner ready in a few minutes. Then I'll have her ready up the blue room—Oh, it's a bit faded, but lovely and even traditional, for your father spent his honeymoon in that very same room."

Jeff kissed his aunt on the forehead. "You're great, Aunt Samantha. Sure glad we stopped here. Bet my dad had a hand in this."

"Well, honey, I don't know about that, but I do know one thing. See this dress I have on? Well, it's my wishing dress, and only yesterday I decided I would wear it. You see, it's full of thistle feathers, and when I was young, we called them wishing flowers, and this evening as I sat before the fire, I wished that once again something would happen to bring a spark of youth and love into this dear old house again, and my wish came true. So Carolyn, you may have my wishing dress as a token of our meeting, and when things just don't seem right, wear it, dear, and make wishes."

"You're a wonder, Aunt Samantha, and I'm so glad Jeff decided to come

this way. Only one thing—I wouldn't want to take your wishing dress from you."

"Well, honey, don't let that stop you, for I made my last wish this evening, and it was such a wonderful wish I think it will last forever."

From the doorway, Moses called, "Dinner served, Miss Samantha!"

"Very well, Moses. Give my cane, Jeff. We will go into the dining room now."

After dinner the young folks said good night, for they had a long trip and were tired. Moses came in to help Miss Samantha to her room, but she said, her face radiant with joy, "Never mind, Moses. Take me back to the parlor, and put another log on the fire. I'm too happy to waste any time on sleep. I just want to sit here and think and dream."

So Moses did as his missus said, and after she was seated before the fire, she smiled, saying: "Moses, this is the loveliest Christmas we have had in years. You may go now, Moses. Good night—Merry Christmas."

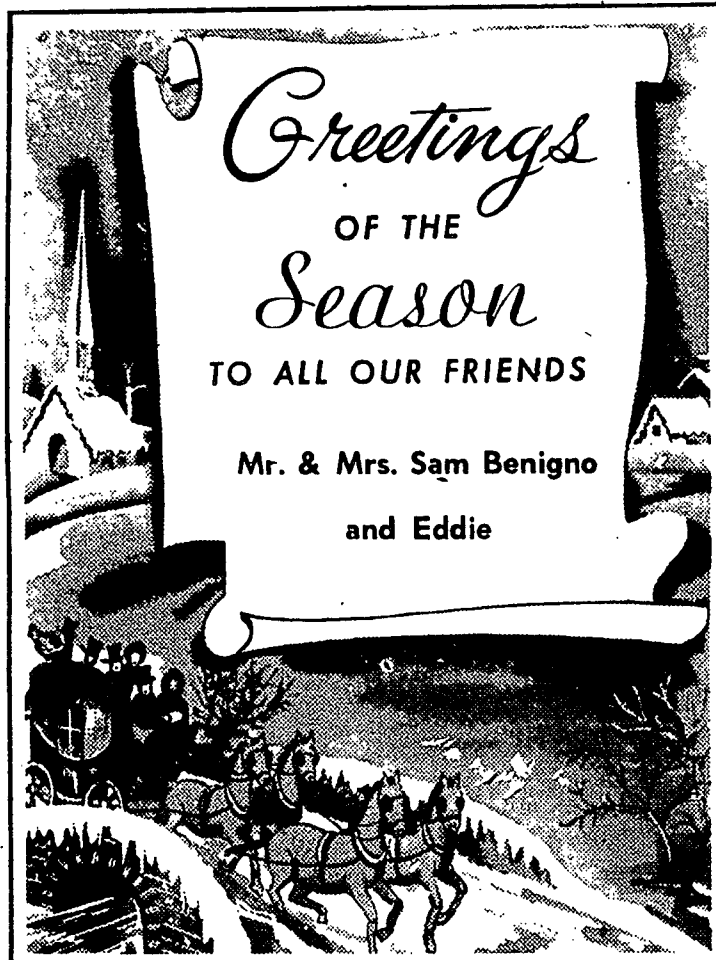
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FIVE JACKSON MEN RECEIVE RECOGNITION BY OIL INDUSTRY

JACKSON, MISS., Dec. 24—Five Jackson oil men are recipients of the industry's recognition of "distinguished accomplishments" at a recent meeting of the District Committee of the Oil Industry Information Committee held in Shreveport, La.

Receiving Gold and Silver Awards for outstanding and meritorious service were E. J. Reynolds, division manager of Standard Oil Company (Ky.), silver award; H. J. Nicholas, district manager of Gulf Refining Company, silver award; Frank S. Cannon, former division manager of Pan-Am Southern Corporation, now retired and residing in Clinton, Mississippi, OIIC's highest honor, gold award; J. P. Scott, state manager of the Texas Company, silver award; and E. H. Simpson, Independent Petroleum Corporation, Silver award. All are former state chairmen of the Mississippi Oil Industry Information Committee.



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O, come all ye faithful...

May the peace and happiness symbolized by the Star of Christmas remain with you throughout the Holiday Season.

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At Star

the Hall Bartlett Production for Republic at the Star Theatre Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24-25. It has been acclaimed by news and sports editors as the finest and most authentic football picture ever to come out of Hollywood. This exciting story of one of the world's greatest stars, Elroy "Crazylegs" Hirsch, is much more than just a football picture. It is the "highly-dramatic biography of a boy of humble birth; his ambitions, his handicaps, his romance, his tragedy, his triumph. Re-creating the role of himself, Hirsch co-starred with the able veteran, Lloyd Nolan, and pretty Joan Vohs. Featured in "Crazylegs" are 18 of Hirsch's teammates with the Los Angeles Rams, among them Bob Waterfield, Tom Fears, Norman Van Brocklin, Tank Younger, Night Train Lane and Larry Brink. One of the highlights of the picture, particularly for football fans, are the game scenes. These are all from original film coverage of Hirsch making spectacular plays in games while with Wisconsin, Michigan, the Chicago All-Star Game of 1946 and Los Angeles Rams professional contests.

"Crazylegs" is the story of Elroy Hirsch, the scrappy son of a Wisconsin foundry-worker, whose devotion to football causes him to neglect his school sweetheart, Joan Vohs.

His parents insist that Elroy go to college when he plans on staying home to help them financially, so he enrolls with Joan at Wisconsin and becomes an All-American in the first year. His regular running style wins him the name of "Crazylegs."

At the University of Michigan, where he is transferred upon joining the Marine Corps, Crazylegs stars in other sports as well as football, but his romance with Joan suffers, bringing unhappiness to both of them. He has time only for a brief telephone goodbye to her when he is called for active duty overseas.

But Joan waits for him, and when Crazylegs returns to civilian life they get married.

After the annual Chicago All-Star Game, in which he stars, Elroy signs with the professional Chicago Rockets. Repeatedly injured through two years with this losing team, Hirsch finally suffers a skull fracture, and the doctor says he can never play again. To believe this, Elroy fights his coordination, a situation happily by the series of events which follow.

The difference between a quiz and a lecture is at least one person has to stay awake to hear the question.

HI-WAY

DRIVE-IN Theatre

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Theatre opens 6:00 p.m.
Show Starts 6:30 p.m.
Admission - Adults, 35c

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Wanda Hendrix
Best News & Shorts
Member Fri. Nite Is
FREE AND EASY NIGHT

Friday, December 26
Outstanding Pictures
Large Raft In
LUCKY NICK CAIN
Plus

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BULLETS FOR
RUSTLERS
Cartoon and Big
Give Away Nite.
will be given a
Beautiful Gift

Sat., Dec. 27 - 28
AT
"APACHE RIVER"
Technicolor -
Plus

McNally
Best News and
Attraction
Technicolor
Feature
AN ESKIMO

December 29
BIG FREE AND
PROGRAM
attend this
and Easy Show

Thursday Dec 30-31
Double Bill -
Plus

JOE YOUNG
Plus
and
HAT
Musical

IS THE
NIGHT

In Theatre
Its Patrons
CHRISTMAS

KEEP MISSISSIPPI GREEN

More than half of Mississippi's land area is covered with forests. These forests provide wood products, recreational areas, and shelter for game. A single careless act can destroy them. Be careful with fire in the woods.

STAR

-- Theatre --
BAY ST. LOUIS, MISS.

Sat., Sun, Mon.

Dec. 26 - 27 - 28

BURT LANCASTER

DEBORAH KERR

FRANK SINATRA

AND

MONTGOMERY CLIFT

— In —

"FROM HERE TO ETERNITY"

News and Cartoon

Tues, Wed, Dec 29 - 30

DAN DAILEY

and

JAMES CAGNEY

— in —

"WHAT PRICE GLORY"

CARTOON

Thurs, Fri, Dec 31, Jan. 1

ELROY HIRSCH

LLOYD NOLAN

— and —

JOAN VOHS

— in —

"CRAZYLEGS"

COUNTIES, STATE SHARE BOUNTY OF OIL DEVELOPMENT

JACKSON - (Special) — Revenue from Mississippi's oil and gas severance taxes continues to swell the coffers of both the State Treasury and those of the producing counties, the State Tax Commission's oil and gas industry's presence has been worth \$42 million to Mississippi in production taxes alone, not considering the industry's payroll, purchases, royalty and rental payments, and other taxes paid.

Through October of this year, a total of \$39,035,977 has been yielded by the oil severance tax which was enacted in 1944. The severance tax on natural gas, a 1948 law, has brought in \$2,980,624.88.

These levies are production taxes on the raw resources at the point of their production. The rates are, for oil, six cents per barrel of six per cent of value, whichever is greater; for gas, three mills per thousand cubic feet or six per cent of value, whichever is greater.

The percentage tax has worked to Mississippi's advantage as the well-head prices of crude oil and natural gas have increased since the taxes were enacted. Both of these valuable resources are now yielding more tax revenues at the maximum rate of six per cent of value, for more than the six cents per barrel on oil and three mills per MCF on gas originally set as minimums. For example, a \$3.00 barrel of crude oil today produces an 18-cent severance tax.

From the individual citizen's standpoint, an important aspect of the oil and gas severance taxes is the fact that the preceding counties share the tax revenues with the state treasury. The state collects the entire amount of the tax and then rebates a percentage to the county in which the taxed oil or gas production is located.

Oil or gas, or both, now is being produced in 29 Mississippi counties. The list has been expanded in recent months as new discoveries were recorded in Northeast Mississippi.

COLUMBUS CHEMICAL PLANT COMPLETION SCHEDULED FOR NEXT APRIL

The \$3,500,000 plant for the Oldbury Electro-Chemical Company plant at Columbus is expected to be completed and ready for operations by April, 1954, according to Dr. Earl L. Whitford, president of the parent company in Niagara Falls, New York. The plant is to be located five miles southeast of Columbus on the east bank of the Tombigbee River.

Preview Party

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Porter were hosts on Thursday night at the show rooms of their Pontiac building to the automobile dealers of Bay St. Louis. Entertaining with a Christmas cocktail party, the new Pontiac car was on display. The show room was beautifully decorated with flowers, and all dealers, sales managers, salesmen, parts managers and service managers from Bay St. Louis were invited.

This was a preview showing before the car is on display to the general public.

TEXTILE OFFICIALS TOUR THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA

Officials of New York textile selling houses visited the Mississippi Delta on an educational tour to acquaint them with the activity and progress in the field of cotton production. The visitors inspected the Stoneville Pedigreed Seed Company, Delta and Pine Land Company, Delta Branch Experiment Station, U.S. Ginning Laboratory and the U.S. Cotton Laboratory. The tour sponsored by the National Cotton Council in cooperation with Delta Council at Stoneville was for members of the Textile Merchants Association.

DELIVERY OF PINE TREES SCHEDULED

The delivery of 100,000 pine trees to 4-H boys of Lauderdale county has been scheduled for January 9. The trees are awarded by Flintkote Co. to the boys who will participate in the trees for thrift contest for 1954. Each boy will receive 1000 trees and a planting demonstration will be held at the courthouse by Art Nelson, forester for Flintkote. The 4-H Advisory council awards prizes to the boys making the highest score on their year's work. Awards are based on the percentage of trees that survive, other forest practices and a story on how money was earned.

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On Our NEW PANORAMIC GIANT-SIZED SCREEN

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GARY COOPER TERESA WRIGHT

Casanova Brown

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Fri, Sat, Dec. 24 - 25

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"FLAME OF CALCUTTA"

With DENISE DARCEL PATRICIA KNOWLES SPECIAL ADDED FEATURE THE Academy Award Winner - WALT DISNEY'S

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Late Show Dec. 26-11 p.m. Sunday Thru Thursday Dec. 27-31

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MISSISSIPPI DEER HUNTERS BAG 1000 BUCKS THIS SEASON

"What luck did the deer hunter have this season?" "How many does were killed?" "What were hunting chances on the new wildlife management areas?"

These are a few of the questions Mississippi sportsmen have been asking this week.

As for the answers—over a thousand Mississippi hunters got bucks during the November deer season. Chances are this figure will increase considerably when all the reports are in from the deer camps throughout the state. With incomplete returns from 36 counties, the total is 1,129 legally killed bucks. Add to this, 41 deer reported illegally killed to date, most of them were found in the woods.

"Actually, mighty few deer were illegally killed this season." That's the statement of Howard Redmond, Game and Fish Commission biologist who spent the ten days of the November hunt in a tour of the state's principal hunting spots checking on the harvest and gathering information for a study of deer reproduction.

In fact, according to Redmond, who examined 22 out of 30 doe reported killed in various parts of the state, this figure is the lowest since 1932. And he attributes it to good law enforcement, and increased public sentiment against deer killers.

Deer hunters converged on the wildlife management areas in four different sections of the state. Eight hundred ninety-three checked in on the Wolf River Area, recently opened in Pearl River, Lamar and Marion counties. Those who were lucky carried out a total of 29 bucks.

In the Red Creek Wildlife Management Area, six hundred and fifty-eight hunters managed to shoot 13 deer. Seventeen hundred sportsmen were reported on the Sunflower Area in Sharkey County; and six hundred on the Panther Creek Area in Yazoo County, but kill figures are not yet available for these sections.

While this year's kill exceeds that of last year in all cases, these areas have just been opened and it is expected that next year's kill will show the results of another year of management. Hunters ought to benefit next year, too, from the records gathered in these managed hunting grounds.

"If you know how many hunters were in a section, how many deer they took, and the condition of the animals, you can get a pretty good idea of the size of the herd," biologists maintain. And from these facts you can manage the game for continued good production. Management, in this case, will mean planting of special food crops for deer, and analysis of present hunting regulations and seasons to determine if these are best.

Luck varied state-wide, with delta counties as usual, reporting the largest deer kills. Top reports were from Warren with 132, Bolivar with 102, Issaquena with 97, Lafayette with 96 and Sharkey with 77. But one of the largest bucks shot was in Madison County, open to hunting for the first time this season.

All in all, indications are this season's deer kill will probably exceed the 1952 take.

Willie fell down the elevator. Neighbors found him six days later. They all sniffed and said, "Geo Whiz! What a spoiled child Willie is."

GULF Theater

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"WHITE GODDESS"

With JOHN HALL AND GENE AUTRY In

"LAST OF THE PONY RIDERS"

Plus Chapt. 8 Lost Planet

Saturday - Dec. 26

"SAVAGE DRUMS"

With SABU AND

"DOWN LAREDO WAY"

With REX ALLEN Plus First Chapter

"JUNGLE DRUMS OF AFRICA"

Sun, Mon, Tues. Dec. 27-28-29

"HAPPY TIME"

With CHARLES BOYER AND LOUIS JOURDAN AND

"GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT"

With GREGORY PECK DOROTHY McGUIRE Plus Captain of Zero Hour

Wednesday, Dec. 30

"SECRET OF CONVICT LAKE"

With GLENN FORD GENE TIERNEY Plus Special Added Program 5 SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS

LEGENDS OF CHRISTMAS

Another Christmas eve, a fierce storm raged through the Harz mountains. Only the fir trees were able to stand up. The poor little canaries could be heard crying as they were tossed around by the wind.

"Come into our arms," said the fir trees. "We will protect you."

The birds nestled warm and dry in the trees' branches. When the storm was over, they sang, "We will sing your praises forever."

And they do.

As was their custom on Christmas Eve, a farmer's family set out a bowl of milk for St. Nicholas if he should visit them. Each member of the family, from grandmother to baby, placed a spoon against the bowl. Then they went to bed, wondering whose spoon St. Nicholas would use if he came to their house.

When they got up, what do you think they saw? Grandmother's spoon was in the milk, baby's was gone!

One Christmas Eve, a man who was too lazy to cut his own wood stole some from his neighbor. Just as he filled his basket, a child appeared on a white horse and said, "Because you have stolen on Christmas Eve, you shall sit down with your wood."

A strong wind carried the man to the top of the mountain and he sits there to this day.

There was a poor family that had nothing to eat on Christmas Eve. The mother went to the woods to gather pine cones to sell for fuel. As she neared the largest tree, a little man jumped up and said, "Take only the cones under this tree."

She did. When she got home and looked at the cones, each was pure gold.

CONTEST WINNERS

BLOSSMAN GAS COLORING CONTEST

1. Janet Ruffin, Logtown, Miss. RADIO
2. Joseph Compretta, O. S. T., Bay St. Louis, Miss. WRISTWATCH
3. Margo Jacobi, 138 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Miss. SKATES.
4. Michael Lang, 204 Union Street, Bay St. Louis, Miss. SKATES.

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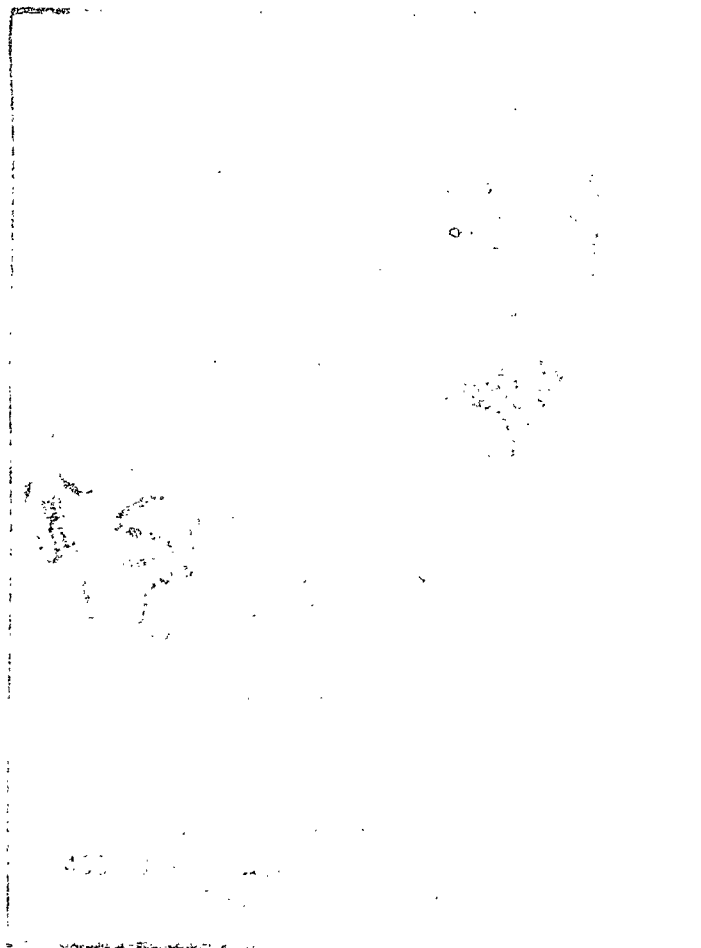
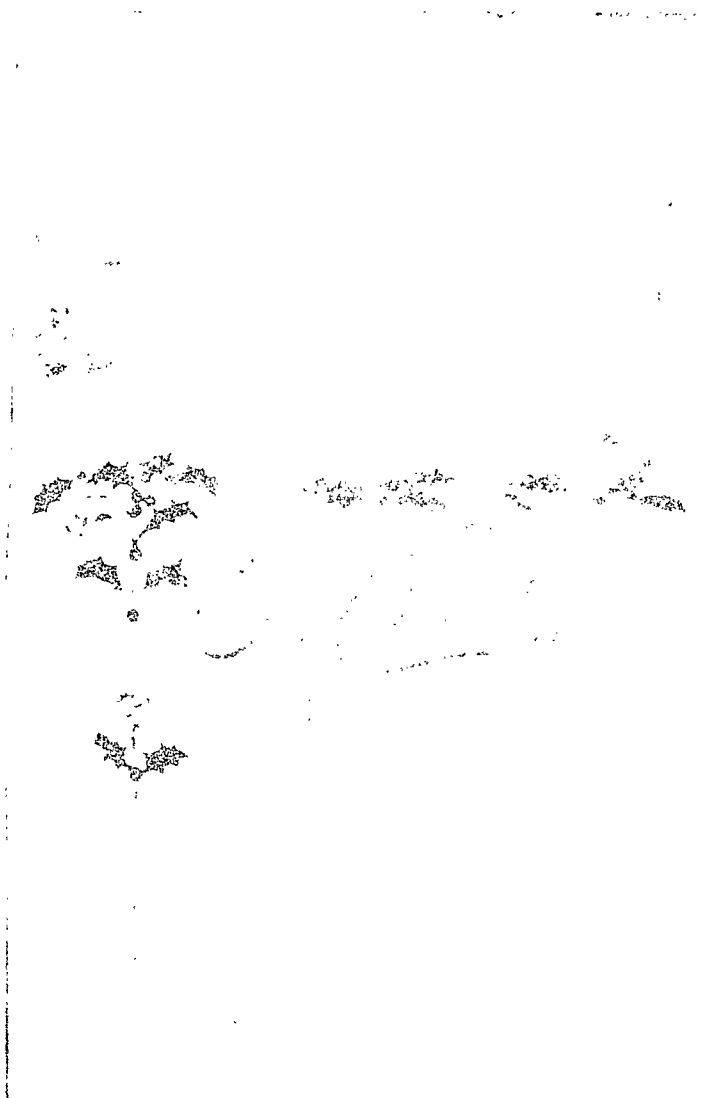
\$25 -- REWARD -- \$25

For information leading to arrest and conviction of person or persons who stole on Dec. 15 from our pens one rusty brown Stag, not very gentle, weight about 175 pounds. Only been castrated about a week and not yet well. He was also bobtailed at same time. One pure-bred O.I.C. solid white boar, weighing about 80 pounds. At same time some goats were taken.

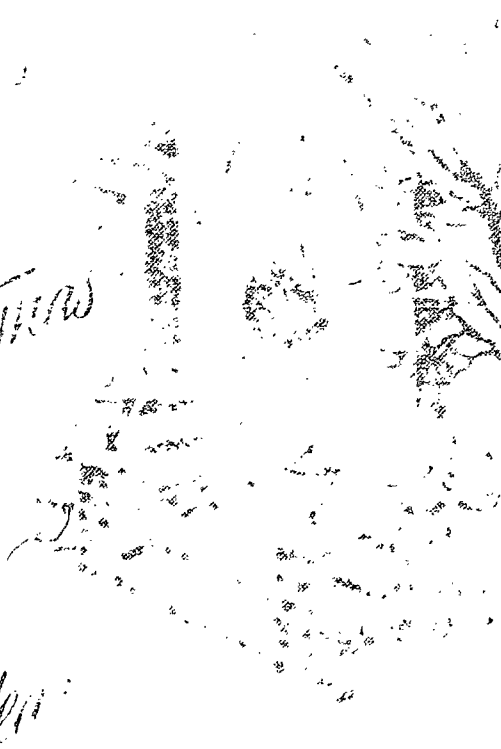
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